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TWO INFATUATED DUKES.

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[SPECIAL CABLE DESPATCH TO THE WORLD.] LONDON, Dec. 21.—it may possibly be remem-bered that when the Duke of Sutherland visited New York about eighteen months ago he was accompanied by a Mrs. Blair, whose presence among the ducal party excited a good deal of unpleasant comment in most of the cities of the United States which he then visited. While some of the Duke's enterminers purposely ignored her presence, others included her in the invitations extended to his party, and she attended a wedding party and several other festivities in New York in the Duke's

The Duke has recently been quite dangerously ill at his magnificent Staffordshire country seat, Trentham, and the London daily press and society newspapers publish frequent medical bulletins as to his condition. Considerable comment was, how ever, caused by the fact that, notwithstanding the Duke's serious iliness, the Duchess and her daughter persisted in remaining quietly at Torquay, and that the Marquis and Marchioness of Stafford and Lord Tarbat should have kept away in so marked a man-ner from their sick father a bedside.

The reason of this peculiar conduct on the part of the family was the presence at Trenham of Mrs. Bigir, who absolutely declined to leave the Duke's bedside, a determination in which she was su ported by His Grace's approval and even entreaties. At length the doctor's bulletins announced that the Duke's lilness had taken so critical a turn that it was very doubtful if he would be able to live through the following twenty-four hours and the physicians considered it to be their duty to inform the family of the danger, and to make a final appeal to the Duchess to visit her husband on what they considered his death-bed. The Duchess, who is a peeress in her own right and one of the proudest grandes dames of Europe, gave way to their entreaties and travelled down to Trentham accompanied by her two sons, her daughter, Lady Alesandra, and her daughter-in-law, Lady Stafford, Within a few honrafter their arrival the Duke took a sudden turn for the better, and all immediate danger was past. errible scene is then reported to have taken place between the injured wife and her children one side, and the intruding lady on the other. A final attempt was made to drive the latter from the house and to put a stop to the scandal. The stranger, strong in the support of the Duke, was, however, victorious, and it was the Duchess, accompanied by all her children, who left Trentham suddenly the very same day. How bitterly the Duchess must have feit the terrible indignity to which she had been subjected those alone who have had the privilege of being received at her magnificent London palace, known as "Stafford House," can realize. The Queen lost no time in telegraphing to Torquay to her favorite friend "Annie," as she always calls her former Mistress of the Robes, expressing the deepest sympathy and condolence at the paintot and distressing shock to which she had been subjected. It may here be incidentally mentioned that the Queen has frequently visited the Duchess of Sutherland at her London residence, on one of which occasions she remarked to Her Grace, with reference to the magcence of Stafford House, "I am coming from my house (meaning Buckingham Palace) to visit

About a forinight later, the Duke, who had scarcely recovered from his illness, embarked with Mrs. Blair on board his yacht, and left England on a prolonged trip to Java and other similar outlandish places, announcing that he would probably be absent for over eighteen months. Contrary to What is generally im gined on the subject, Mrs. Blair is a woman of the world, who was formerly well known in London society.

Although the above matter has been the principal topic of discussion both in Court circles and at the clubs for several weeks past, the greatest efforts have been made to keep the matter out of the papers, and the Queen's telegram to the Duchess is the only item in connection with the scandal which has found its way into a couple of

scandal which has found its way into a couple of the society papers.

It is greatly to be regretted that so enlightened and enterprising a peer as the Duke of Sutherland should have allowed himself to be involved in a scandal which cails to mind in a vivi manner the sensation created some twelve or fourteen months ago, when the almost septuagenarian Duke of Beaufort forced his most charming and popular wife to receive and submit to the presence at Hadminton of the notorious opera bouffe actress. Connie Gilchrist—the same who was present with the inte Lord Lonadale at the time of his peculiarly tragic and revoiting death.

I may add that there is no truth in the report which has been persistently circulated during the bast lew weeks, according to which it was asserted that the late Lord Wolverton's sudden death a few weeks ago occurred while the millionaire banker peer was staying at Brighton with the popular actress who is now playing Lena Despard in 'As' in a Locking Glass" in London.

Pushing the Red Man to the Wall.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 21.—The State Legis-

lature appropriates \$500 annually for the Catawba Indiana, whose reservation is in York County. they are in a bad way, and their chief, Harrison, They are in a bad way, and their chief, Harrison, was to-day in consultation with the Governor. The tribe has dwindled to eignty-two members, and their reservation, originally many thousand acres, is now something less than seven hundred. The Indians have leased tracts of land to white people, and it is probable that many of these leases will expire it a few years, but whether the Indians will be able to regain possession of their lands after they have been occupied by whites for half a century is a doubtful question. The Indians petitioned the Governor to have certain lawless white men ejected from their lands, and they also ask that Dale Harrison be made the agent for the bribe intended of paying a white man gibe a pear out of their

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TEXAS WANTS IMMIGRANTS.

The State will Make Great Efforts to Se cure More Citizens. SERECIAL TO THE WORLD!

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 21. -The convention which met in Dallas yesterday for the purpose of devising effective and practical plans for inducing desirable immigration to Texas is pronounced, without a lissenting voice, as the best body of men ever assembled in the State. Of its six hundred and more delegates there were only a score or so, of what are known as chronic politicians. The business element of the State, led and backed by the leading State press, brought about the movement and shaped it in all its deliberations.

The Committee of Thirty-One that formulated the plan to be pursued in inducing immigration was composed of merchants, bankers and workingmen, representing the greater part of the State by State Senatorial districts. The first day of the convention was devoted to organization and getting expressions from delegates in the shape of resolutions and remarks. These were referred to the Committee of Thirty-One, which to-day brought in a report as the basis of the work for the future, all of which was adopted unan mousty. Under the provisions of this report a committee of thirty-one, to be known as the State Immigration Committee, was selected by the convention to serve one year, after which time the committee will be elected by the people, one member from each of the thirty-one State Senatorial districts. This committee will serve one year without pay, and make its own rules and regulations and have the power to make contracts for carrying out its purposes. It is to be the daity of the State Committee to hold a conference with the rairoad authorities of the different systems of rairoads having connections in the

the daty of the State Committee to hold a conference with the rairraid authorities of this different systems of rairoads having connections in the State of Texas, and with the authorities of railway companies operating in the State of Texas, to the sha that the test possible rates may be obtained for excursionists and immigrants into and through the State in every direction.

It will further be the duty of the committee, as soon as may be tracticable after the railroad conferences, to submit an address through such channels as the committee may deem best to the people of Texas, which address shall embrace a report of the conference of the committee with the railroad authorities, and shall also embrace a plan for local organizations for immigration purposes throughout the State, and the ways and means of raising the necessary funds to advertise the resources and advantages of Texas to the world, to the end that every county in the State contributing to the immigration fund shall receive its share in all advertisements, statistical reports or other printed matter published by or win the authority of the committee. It is the purpose of this organization to induce, by a truthful representation of the saventages and resources of Texas, the investment of capital in the State and the immigration to the State of all law-abiding people who may be seeking new homes, and it will be the duty of the committee to do everything that may be necessary to accomplished, are to be entrusted to the committee.

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shall be accomplished, are to be entrusted to the committee.

To start the work each Senatorial district at once pad over to the State Committee \$100. Dec. 79, was selected as the day upon which the committee shall meet the railway managers at Dalass. At that time a central State headquarters will be selected, Dallas being the expressed choice, as the whole movement was started here. By invitation the railways of the State were represented at the convention, they having been asked to be present in order that they might meet the convention. Special passenger rates were saked of the roads, and such other facilities at their command as will put Texas on an equality with other States in the matter of transportation advantages. The railway's representatives present at the Convention were not empowered to act finally in the matter of transportation advantages. not empowered to act finally in the matter of rates, but the cue to the Convention was furnished in a letter from W. H. Newman, General Manager of the Gould railways, which was acted upon. Mr. Newman and other General Managers will meet the State Committee of thirty-one at Dallas, and will consider the request for special immigration rates. The action of the Convention is highly assisfactory to the Gelegates, and the body adjourned to care.

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We notice that "long heads" come around these mornings before the crowds gathersomehow they must have heard of "early bird," and so forth. Good deal in that fable just

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The Board of Apportionment Discussing the Budget for 1888.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment yes terday considered the final estimates of the Department of Charities and Correction for the year 1888. Mayor liewitt said that after examining the public institutions he was prepared to give the Commissioners all they asked for. Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Hoyt, who were present, also favored this course. Tax President Coleman, however, objected, and moved that the item for salaries be fixed at \$500,000. Comptroller Loew moved to allow \$534,007, but his motion was lost, Commis-

allow \$634,067, but his motion was lost, Commissioner Coleman voting against it. Mr. Coleman's motion was then carried.

Mayor Hewitt teen suggested that the amount asked for the support of the lunatic asylum, which is included in the \$500,000 mentioned, be used for that purpose, but President Coleman objected, on the ground that the ma'ter of exp-nditure should be left to the Commissioners. Mayor Hewitt then moved that the appropriation be divided and that \$171,850 be given to the salary account of the lunatic asylum and the remainder to the salary account of the other institutions. This motion was adosted.

The sum of \$1,188,972 was appropriated for supplies. John il. McKim asked for an appropriation \$25,000 for a new numberpal lodging-nouse, but the hisyor objected because the Commissioners had not asked for it. The total amount allowed the department was \$2,206,378, an increase of \$13,972 over the amount allowed last year and \$255,007 leas than was allowed in the provisional estimate.

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The Board also gave a hearing to the Fire Com-The Board also gave a hearing to the Fire Commissioners concerning the appropriation of \$75,000 for the purchase of a new fire-boat. The department now has two boats, but one of them is very old, and Commissioner Purroy declared that when either is undersoing repairs the water front is left practically defenseless. The boats of the other departments, he argived, would be almost uscless as fire extinguishers, and in case of a fire at the outer end of any of the long piers the land engines could do but little. He therefore thought that the purchase of another fire-boat was necessary for the proper protection of the city's water front. The matter was laid over.

The Aldermen's Memorial to President Arthur The resolutions adopted by the Board of Alder-men at the time of the death of ex-President Chester A. Arthur have been handsomely engrossed and bound into an album by order of the Board. Yesterday Altermen Van Hensseiner, Cowie and Farrell called upon Charles P. Miller, the executor of the Arthur estate, in the Mutual Life Insurance Company's building, and presented the resolutions to him as the representative of the family.

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How It Secured the First News of the Smith-Kilrain Fight.

LONDON, Dec. 21. -The enterprise of THE WORLD in distancing all competitors by two hours in sending the first news of the Smith-Klirain fight to New it was generally understood that THE WORLD was any other journalist or person in London." to be kept away from the prize fight. William Harding, who came over for Richard K. Fox, ex pressly declared that THE WORLD representative should not go to the fight, and gave his exclusive attention to giving a report exclusively to a New

York paper. He falled utterly. THE WORLD London office ordered from Paris veteran reporter who was unknown to the gang who tried to shut out THE WORLD. He witnesse the fight, and distanced all competitors in reaching the telegraph station, where his superior advance arrangements gave him an advantage over every one. This correspondent, in his report to-day of his struggle with the others, gives the following amusing sketch of his capture of the telegraph

We sailed for Vernon. It grew darker and darker, and oh, how it rained! We reached the wharf, lit up by a solltary oil lamp. Everybody was under cover but yours truly. I jumped with the deck hand and ran into the darkness, I knew not where. A solitary man was in a doorway a the end of the wharf. Did he know the town?

Would be run with me to the telegraph office

I led him a lively race. I cannot run very fast, but I could beat that fellow. " Come on, mon brave," I cried, and he kept with me. Par ici and par la, a droite and a gauche we dashed. It was a good mile from the boat to

Vernon. Finally we got there. My despatches were already written out. I had his answer that he would treat everybody square. I promptly flied him my first work. Twelve or fifteen minutes later the others began

to arrive. Of course they had to form in line, and then some began chaffing on the question of ' beats." Ed Plummer was the first corresponden in line. Next to him came another New York reporter and then the New York paper represented by Harding. I listened to their abuse of each other. Then I said: "Gentlemen, there is no need of boasting. You are all beaten by me, and I represent the New York World,

A bomb explosion would not have astounded them more. Plummer said presently, holding up his despatch, not yet filed and which was marked placekay-Bennets Cable":

the Bennett Cable. You are not so smart as you think you are," and the others laughed.

Harding said: "Well, you bet your sweet life if I had known you were for THE WORLD you would not have gone on that boat!"

"I will bet £10," said I to Plummer, "and let this gentleman hold the stakes and decide," referring to Biakely Hall, "that I have beaten you and York has made a great stir in London and Paris, in every other New York correspondent, and that the newspaper and sporting circles particularly, as THE WORLD man in London has the news before There were no takers.

SHE REMEMBERED THE POOR.

Mrs. Cleveland Sends Money to Her Old Classmates for Mission Work.

SPECIAL TO THE WORLD. AURORA, N. Y., Dec. 21. -At a meeting in this lace yesterday of the Young Women's Society of Wells College for Home Missionary Work a letter from Mrs. Grover Cleveland was opened and a draft for a sum of money found therein for the treasury of the society. Mrs. Cleveland joined this society when she entered Wells College in 1881, and when she left the institute she made the request that her name should be kept upon the list of active members of the society during her life. She has frequently sent contributions of money for the society.

In her letter opened yesterday Mrs. Cleveland An ner letter opened yesterday mrs. Clevoland expresses her growing belief in the greater meefulness in home than in foreign missious, and gives her opinion that missionary work in general has more attention to-day than ever before. Sie asks that some of the homes of very poor people about Aurora, which she remembers from her days at Wells, be visited by members of the society and the Christmas for the little ones there be made as happy as possible.

Good News for Some Postmasters. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The injunction of secresy has been removed from the following list of confirmations: Postmasters-G. R. Lindsay, Rahway, N. J.; S. O. Arnold, Katonah, N. Y.; W. R. Brown, Newburg, N. Y.; F. O. Cable, Owego, N. Y.; Henry Davies, Delni, N. Y.; J. C. Fairchild, previously wired to the superintendent of the Mamaroneck, N. Y.; A. M. Field, West Chester, French cable at Brest to look out for me. I had N. Y.; Valentine Heckenstein, Rochester, N. Y.; N. Y.; Vaientine Heckenstein, Rochester, N. Y.;
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Citoyen Tartuffe's Changes of Birthplace and Political Convictions.

LONDON, Dec. 21. -Swinburne has published a lampoon on Gladstone under the title of "Citoyen Tartuffe." Pierre Joyeuse was born in Normandy, farsellies, Dauphiny, Rouen or Toulouse, accord ing to the birthpiace of the people he seeks to deceive. He began political life as a clerical Royalceive. He began pointers into an extended poliist, but changes with every phase of French phase of Frenc

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